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JOIN A PEACE MOVEMENT

By Bob Walsh

The notion of sending a man to the moon is so common these days that when it actually happens, the astronaut will earn a good deal less esteem that he probably will deserve. The doctors who made the inital heart transplants in the past few weeks made news on front pages the world over, but a year from now, heart transplants will probably have lost our major interest.

It is true today that the thousands of American men and women who continue to journey overseas with the Peace Corps each year have largely slipped into oblivion since President Kennedy first announced this precendent-shattering social movement in 1961.

Unfortunately, the American public seems to lose interest in an "impossible" project once the project has been proved possible.

News and public interests aside, however, each Peace Corps volunteer who goes overseas today still feels as though he were the first to try this great social experiment. There are frequently no precents for him, no established routines for him to follow, no traditions to fall back upon. He relies only upon his own resourcefulness and tenacity when he finds himself for the first time in his life thousands of miles away from home in a strange culture, speaking a new and strange language.

The volunteer finds himself acting as a catalyst in a socio-economic revolution which must, and does, occur if the country in which he finds himself is to survive in the international community of nations tomorrow.

Some of today's Peace Corps volunteers bring with them a trade, a skill, or an agricultural background that can be put to work immediately. But for the most part, the volunteer is a young man or woman with an undergraduate college degree and three to four months of training at a Peace Corps training site.

Beyond this background, the volunteer brings with him the attitudes he has acquired while growing up in the United States. He is concerned for the large masses of people who live in poverty and ignorance and have never enjoyed the opportunities he has known as an American. He brings with him a non-traditional attitude towards social environment which seeks to invent new solutions to problems rather than to accept solutions dictated by tradition and history.

The volunteer commonly brings with him the courage and determination first shown by his rejection of the immediate security offered by following established career patterns upon graduating from college. He elects rather to involve his youth in an effort which offers him no security, but only inner satisfaction. He is truly a worthy son of his pioneer, immigrant forefathers, a trail-blazer in a world where people continue in misery and ignorance because no one ever has encouraged them to innovate.

Peace Corps volunteers encourage people to have faith in themselves and in their own worth. They share the people's work, their bread and their concerns, and thus afford them the opportunity to understand that Americans are truly human and "of the people and for the people." The volunteer's equipment for this work is only himself.

So despite the fact that the Peace Corps appears only infrequently in today's headlines, the truth is that everyone of the 15,000 men and women volunteers overseas today are deeply involved in a historical process of social development which the under-priveleged and miserable of this world sorely need. In the end, the greatest gratification for the volunteer is not in making headlines but in his own personal feeling of accomplishment through offering selfless assistance and friendship.

Lewis Hall---Obsolete ?

By Christopher Murawski

This trimester, the long promised, badly needed, science building was ready for the students use. As I walked through this building, two questions came to my mind. First was this building built with a future? That is, will it be adequate for the future needs of the college? The second question was, "How long would this building look like new?" This second question cannot be answered, the student body has to make this decision.

At first, I thought that the science building might not be adequate for the future needs of the college. This view was exemplified by the teaching auditorium. There are 112 chairs in this auditorium but there are as many as 150 students in some of the classes held there. If it is not adequate for the present, it surely would not be adequate for the future. Talking to several science teachers my view was changed. Our science building will be able to educate as many as 600 science majors, according to the Science Dept; this not only includes lecture space, but fully equipped labatories as well. The Lewis Hall of Science will provide Saint Leo students with more than adequate facilities in the sciences for many years to come, If the students show some respect for their school and this fine new building.

Pledges Busy

Ronald Cassese

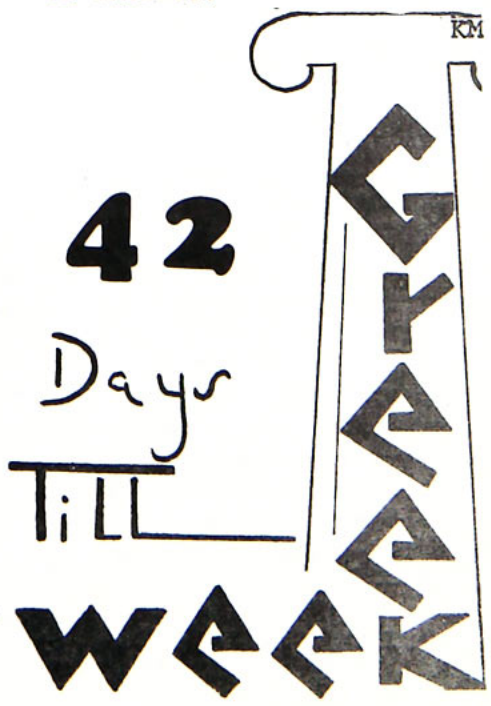
The brothers and pledges of Alpha Sigma Chi welcome everyone back to a new and perhaps exciting trimester.

Pledges, pledges all over, but where are the Alpha Sigma Chi pledges? Pledgemaster Tom Rossi and Assistant John Cotter have been keeping the boys busy with little details. President of the Pledge Class, Charlie Asarisi, will vouch for this.

Even after the GRE's the guys are looking forward to the upcoming round robin in Basketball, Charlie Knudsen will be coaching and we're all looking forward to victorius urn.

Our congratulations go to Frank La Morte who recently made the Dean's list.

Our sympathies go to Barry Beahan who's father just past away and to Jim Stewart who just lost his Grandmother.



Alpha Sigma Chi To Enforce DRESS CODE

In the past there have been many complaints as to the enforcement of the "Dress Code" in the college dining hall. The Office of Student Affairs has decided to alleviate this problem by placing more responsibility in the hands of the students. Accordingly the Brothers of Alpha Sigma Chi have been asked to assume the responsibility of the administration of the "Dress Code". We feel honored to accept this responsibility feeling that this is a major breakthrough in student self government and student self discipline.

Now we feel that it is up to us, the students. Though we will be at the doors of the cafeteria, we will not be there as an enforcement body. We remind you that our Dress Code was formulated by the students, through the Student Government. We feel that by this time all students should be aware of the "Dress Code" and therefore should dress accordingly. If the "Dress Code" is misused, then we will be there to remind you of your responsibility. We feel very strongly about this job and want you to know we will not take it lightly. We trust in you our fellow students.

The Brothers of
Alpha Sigma Chi

EDITORIAL Fire Finishes Pflug House

THE ROLLINS SANDSPUR
Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida

Eleven upperclassmen nearly lost their lives in a blaze that destroyed Pflug House Dormitory two days before Christmas vacation.

The fire, which was discovered around 6:00 A.M. Sunday morning, December 17th, started as a result of a student smoking in bed.

Scott Kass, a second-floor resident, was awakened by the smell of smoke and aroused the other second-floor residents. While Kass proceeded to awaken the men on the first floor, Blair Fulton contacted the Fire Department after much difficulty, and Cy Kitto checked out the furnace in the basement.

Kass discovered that the fire was in a first-floor double occupancy room and "tried to bolt the locked door to get to the two men"; though he could not get the door open, he did manage to arouse the dazed students, who then proceeded to safety.

Fulton and Kass attempted to use the fire extinguishers but discovered that they were not working. Finally, Kitto, Fulton, and Kass rigged up a hose and sprayed water into the burning room.

The Fire Department arrived on the scene approximately ten minutes after the call was placed and proceeded to put out the blaze.

No one was injured nor required medical attention.

The room where the fire started was destroyed, as were all the personal belongings of the two men in the room.

The only damage to the rest of the building was caused by smoke and soot. None of the other belongings of the men were damaged except by smoke.

It is conjectured that "if the fire had not been discovered when it was, many of the men, if not all, would have lost their lives — especially those in the burning room itself, and three others in the first-floor, windowless, single occupancies." These rooms were fed only by vents in through which the smoke was pouring.

Investigation is going on as to the cause of the fire, the reason for the absence of the resident advisor at the early morning hour of the fire, the reason for the fire extinguishers' being inoperant, and why the wrong fire department telephone numbers were listed by the phone.

The article from the Rollins College SANDSPUR news paper of January 19, 1968, should make everyone stop and think, "Can this occur here at Saint Leo?" The answer is definitely YES !

People will always smoke in bed no matter how dangerous it is to themselves as well as everyone around them. Pointing out the hazards of this practice to everyone is only one of many precautions that can be taken now.

At any given time one half or more of the fire extinguishers located around Saint Leo are NOT properly charged. A small fire can more easily be extinguished; time and equipment available being the most important elements in fighting any fire. By strictly enforceing the law regarding improper use of fire fighting equiptment, every person could be assured that their life and safety will not have been spent in a fire extinguisher battle in the dormitory the night before.

The office under whose responsibility fire prevention comes under on campus is the Security Office. This department does not have enough manpower to provide an officer for duty every hour of the week to hand out traffic tickets, let alone enforce fire code regulations. Last trimmester there were NO fire drills at all. The fire hoses are not maintained because of lack of personal and offer little hope of working properly if needed. Few if any phones have the numbers listed beside them for the Dade City Fire Department or the San Antonio Fire Department and to attempt to use a telephone operator under normal conditions is often futile.

To make Saint Leo a little safer will cost a little money - - but using Ro-Rollins College as an example; the expense may well be worth it.

SPOTLIGHT--- Patriotism ?

By Peter J DeLuca

After the Great Schism between Saint Leo College and my roomate, I have inherited the Spotlight. My only hope is that I can live up to the standards that he set. My topic this week will deal with the four deserters off the carrier Intrepid and whether or not they were justified.

None of the four are over twenty and it seems to me that even as young as they are, they must have thought a lot about this move before they actually did it. As an American, I can not condone their desertion, but as an American I can not condemn them for the principle of the dersertion. This seems to be a contradiction, but is it really? Can anyone who calls himself an American condone desertion, when he knew that he had to serve his time in the armed forces? I, for one, do not think it can be done. It is also my opinion that many of the boys in Vietnam do not know what they are doing in there or why. This fact was taken from hearsay given to me by some veterns who felt the same way while they were in the service.

It is my contention that these four men; John Barilla, Richard D. Bailey, Craig W. Anderson, and Michael A. Lindu, can no longer be called American because they deserted, but that they are better Americans than we because they did something positive and in accordence with their beliefs. Now, they have been given "humanitarian" asylum in Sweden. This is different from "political" asylum in that there can be no political activities of any kind. Should they continue to be active against Vietnam, Sweden will retract their asylum.

In sumation, I would say that we should take a lesson from these four men and stop all the draft-card burning and demonstrating and begin doing something positive. What would you suggest?

Address any replies to P O B number 96; Saint Leo, Fla.

Editorial View

state parks anyone ?!?

Withlacoochee State Forest
Brooksville, Florida
January 17, 1968

Dear Dean Rodwick:

...As you know, I have been working for this cooperation for two years and have made great headway but from time to time groups of students disregard every attempt by us and by you people in preventing these reoccurences. Please advise the students that they are no longer welcome on the State Forest if they have alcoholic beverages with them or if they cause a nuisance or in any way interrupt our orderly management of the Forest and its recreation areas. Leaving trash, causing damage to facilities, speeding, etc. are considered interrupting and interfering with our orderly management...

Certainly it is time for this student minority to accept the responsibilities of protecting their image and that of Saint Leo. Be assured of our continued cooperation and best wishes for the school and your students.

Sincerely,
W. F. Cowan (signed)
Forest Supervisor

The cooperation desired of Saint Leo students mentioned in this letter to Dean Rodwick, is in using the recreation areas of the Forest as they are intended to be used.

It is difficult to understand how anyone who comes in contact with certain students here at Saint Leo can still express best wishes for the school and the students. The man who own's the Pink House; the residents of San Antonio who pick up beer cans and whiskey bottles from their lawn every morning; the Sheriff of Pasco County and the police in Clearwater and Miami; a Forest Supervisor and the businessmen in Dade City and San Antonio; it is hard to imagine how any of these people can think of Saint Leo College and not remember some of our students all too clearly. Certainly it is time.

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Dear Abbet

Frank Burke and Ken Habershon

Dear Abbet,

What is a respectable girl to do these days? It seems that I can never go to my classes in the Selby Auditorium without the eager eyes of the males on campus starring at my thigh-high skirts.

It's just disgusting what they'll do to get their cheap thrills. I would particularly like to condemn the boy who is constantly turning around and trying to tie my loafers.

How can a fashion conscious female stay in style and still avoid those glaring glances.

Buckey B.

Dear B.

This surely is a pressing problem in today's generation. However, a man in my position can feel for thee, though never reach thee. So bear-thigh suffering till winter comes again.

Ab

Dear Abbet,

Me is a baring person who got to go to to the Collarskip Convacation. It was real gud.

I reelly busted my brain last year to ge gud grads.

Me want to specially tank mis grammer techar fer ma A in his corse.

The speaker at the Convacation spoke good, and we listened too him. To bad he doesn't teech hear.

Me also want to tank Drnie for that great meel. We haven't had chich-in in ages. It's a shame their were only six peces, and with sixty hungry people it turned into a brawl. But I must say that the tree peces I had were very gud.

I just hope I can A tend next yer.

4.0

Dear zero,

Thy letter will act as an inspiration for others, for me to have learned to reed and spel gud.

Dear Abbet,

I'm a trucker. I been trucken for nigh an 20 years, and have all the stuff to prove it. Like my "winged wheel" jacket patch. My chrome plated tire iron, and my autographed picture of Jimmy Hoffa in the cab.

Ever since I started working for Dairy Queen, I've traveled to a lot of schools, but never have I seen one like yours. Why the kids there would steal you blind!

I don't mind a little pilferin once in a while, it keeps you no your toes. But the other day when I slammed on the air brakes of my quarter-ton van, I was immedately surrounded by a horde of 50 drooling students, chanting, "you scream a scream, we all scream for ice cream." Naturally I thought it was a joke, and went to see my good buddy Ernie (an ex-trucker) to have him fill out form 4 c in triplicate, so I could leave him his four cases of powdered milk.

When I returned to my truck I beheld a sight that shook me right through to my union card. There was ice cream everywhere! I litterally had to wade through a path of empty Dixie Cups. When I finally got to the spot wnere I had left my truck it was gone. All that remained was my picture of Jimmy Hoffa ruined by strawberry stains.

Fun is fun but that was ridiculuous. What's the matter with those kids of yours? Ain't they got no morals?

Mac Truck

Dear Mac

This truly is a shameful condition. Can not out students remember the sixth commandment of God, or is it the third, or perhaps its the...

Ab

I Almost...

Pure eer.
Rows of darkness.
then a light!
Like a sword thrust through
black armour;
Who is that sitting amid
the debris of a
sleepless night?
"Probably no one," I observe.
Yet... the form is
oddly familiar;
Some one I knew
in a different time?
in a different life?
Perhaps in a dream?
Shall I approach him?
I can see
that he knows I'm watching;
I see it in his mind.
His eyes beg recognition,
discovery;.
For, is it not true, that to
know one's self completely
is to lose
a constant companion?
And he knows
that with our first contact
there comes
disaster!
an awareness strived for
but not wanted;
a knowing, perhaps empty,
but too full.

the poet...

—Daniel Rudowski

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ON SPORTS

Tom Truelson

Pro-basketball reached the half-way mark Tuesday night, when the N.B.A. had its annual All*Star game. For the fifth time in six years, the East came out on top, 144-124. Hal Greer of the 76ers won the game's MVP award.

The first half of the season has seen Boston and Philly taking turns leading the East, while in the West, St. Louis has remained a few games ahead of San Francisco.

Detroit has been the most improved team in the league. Cellar-dwellers a year ago, the Pistons are now playing over .500 and are a sure bet to be in the playoffs for the first time in years. The man responsible for this rise has been Dave Bing, who is currently leading the NBA in scoring. Bing has given the Pistons the spark and leadership that they so desperatly needed.

While Detroit has been enjoying sucess, New York has been experiencing failure. The Knicks, who were picked to challenge Philly and Boston for the title, are instead, battling Baltimore for last place. Why this team, which is loaded with so much talent, is close to the bottom, is beyond me.

Disaster struck the S. F. Warriors last Friday night. Nate Thurmond, their great all-around center, tore ligaments in his right knee and had to undergo surgery the next day. As a result, Nate will be out for the remainder of the season, and for S. F., it will be a season to forget.

please! only you can prevent forest fires

Monarchs Drop Another

The Monarch courtmen dropped a 74-70 heartbreaker in overtime to Rollins College at Orlando Tuesday night despite their strong second half rally.

Trailing by 15 at intermission, Coach Fagan's squad bounced back to hit for 20 of 27 shots in the second half with Mike O'brien tallying the tie-clincher with one second left.

"Had we played the entire game like we did in the second half we would have won by 20," Fagan speculated, "we lost the ball 19 times in the first period on bad passing."

High scorers for Leo's were Greg O'Connell -27; Rich Wallace -17; O'Brien -12; and Larry Moore-10.

Dave Lewis was home in Chicago for the funeral of his father who passed away on Monday. His presence was missed on Tuesday but he should be back today, perhaps ready to play tomorrow night.

Coach Bob Lockenour spent Thursday night in Pensa Cola scouting Huntington College of Alabama whom the Monarchs encounter on Saturday at 8:15 in the Dade City Armory.

Al Marsico

Fencers Compete At U. of Fla.

On Guard Gainsville! Choose your weapons. A few St. Leo students are dueling their way to competition. They plan to compete in the annual Amareur Fencers League of America, A. F. L. A., State Novice Foil Tournament. This is being held at the University of Fla, Saturday, January 27, at Gainsville.

The fencing club was initiated this year by Mr. Nesbit Blaisedale, a teacher of the fine arts, and Joyce Dermody, a freshman co-ed. The members of the club have been working diligently since September on form accuracy and coordination. This will be the first attempt to fence in competition for St. Leo.

Bernard Desposito and Brother Mark have developed many defensive and offensive moves. They will be competing in the Men's foil Championship Tournament.

Rick Sullivan, who began fencing this year, will not only compete in the foil championships but will also enter the epee event. He has been training under the leadership of Mr. Blaisedale and Mr. Zepada. He has progressed rapidly.

Joyce Dermody, who has fenced before in the New Jersey state competitions, will also be competing in two events. The novice foil tournament and the Womens Intercolligent Foil Competition

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